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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Rev. JOSHUA PERRY, Moderator, Louisburg, N. C.
" J. W. FREEMAN, Clerk, Raleigh, N. C.
Bro. JOHN YARBOROUGH, Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.
Rev. P. T. HALL, JR., Auditor, Raleigh, N. C.

Missionary Board for this Year.

Bro. V. Andrews, Raleigh,
Rev. C. Johnson, "
Bro. T. Burns, "
Rev. G. W. Harris, Neuse,
" A. B. Fleming, Rolesville.

Rev. J. W. Freeman, Missionary.

Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

Rev. H. M. Tupper,	Raleigh,	" S. Fullwider,	Raleigh,
" G. W. Perry,	"	" G. W. Harris,	Neuse,
" John Jefferson,	"	" J. Perry,	Louisburg,
" P. T. Hall,	"	" E. B. Blake,	Clayton,
" A. Shepard,	"	" D. Blake,	"
" C. Johnson,	"	" M. Mial,	"
" Wm. A. Greene,	"	" Jno. W Freeman,	Raleigh,
" R. Shepard,	"	" P. T. Young,	Raleigh,
" H. Pair,	"	" T. B. Edwards,	"

Licentiate Ministers.

Bro. John Craven,	Raleigh,	Bro. John Due,	Goldsboro,
" L. L. Wetherspoon,	"	" John McCoy,	"
" H. T. Cook,	Wake Forest,	" C. H. Rogers,	Fish Dam,
" F. P. Baker,	" "	" C. R. Smith,	Clayton,
" C. H. Montague,	Rolesville,	" Green Wilder,	Smithfield,
" A. Smith,	Forestville,	" Ransom Banks,	.....
" J. C. Baker,	Clayton,	" J. C. Jones,	.....
" Wm. Saunders,	"	" Jas. Chavis,	Raleigh,
" C. Saunders,	"	" J. C. A. Jacob,	.....
" Handy Hollen,	Wilson's Mill,	" L. Johnson,	Smithfield,
" Matt. Sandrus,	Smithfield,	" G. W. Sanders,	"
" John McLoye,	Myatt's Mill,	" A. J. Allen,	Selma,
" Eldridge Johnson,	.....	" W. R. Tharp,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

SMITHFIELD, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,
Wednesday, August 13th, 1879.

The Wake Baptist Association met, in its 13th Annual Session, with the Smithfield Baptist Church at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. G. W. Harris, Moderator, being present, assumed the chair and called the house to order.

The Moderator suggested to the Association that, in his judgment, a sermon preached at this juncture of business would better prepare us to enter upon our duties with more zeal than he felt had yet been awakened, to which the Association heartily responded.

The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. S. B. Smith, who preahed a short sermon from Romans 1: 16, at the conclusion of which the Moderator called the names of the churches in order, and the messengers and were enrolled as follows :

1st Baptist Church, Raleigh—Wm. A. Green and T. Burns.
Friendship Chapel—C. Johnson, A. L. Smith and Jeremiah Scarborough.
Martin Street Baptist Church—T. B. Edwards.
Gethsemane—Joshua Jones, Allen Thomas.
Jones' Chapel—P. T. Hall, Jr., Wm. Deadman.
Good Samaritan—T. B. Edwards, A. Penny.
Wakefield—E. Lucas, B. D. Dunn.
New Bethel—C. H. Montague, A. B. Flemming.
Smithfield—J. M. Beckwith, Wm. H. Brown, Willis McCullers.
St. Ormandy—Merron Turner, Bithum McCullers.
New Providence—C. Davis, Anderson Clemon.
Oakey Grove—L. V. Booth.
Olive Branch—G W. Harris, H. L. Cook.
Holly Spring—Samuel Clemon, Thomas Clemon.
Riley Hill—By Letter.
Liberty—A. Harris, J H. Smith, R. Perry.
Watt's Chapel—W. H. Watts, H. C. Pettiford.
Piney Grove, Johnston Co.—T. E. Pool, Thomas Hodge.
Macedonia—By Letter.
Old S. T. Baptist—By Letter.
New Light—D. Tucker, Jerry Mangum.
Military—Jesse Pearce.
Baptist Grove—D. Tucker, H. Jeffers.
Bethlehelm—James Chavis, R. Murdock.
Louisburg—Joshua Perry.
Earpsboro—By Letter.
Chester Grove—James Chavis.
Juniper Level—D. Rand.
Mt. Pleasant—John Dunn, Isaac Lassiter.
Clayton—Q. C. Mial, S. B. Smith.
Spring Hill—By Letter.
Green Hill—J. Penny, P. T. Young.
Franklinton—J. A. Fuller, M. J. Joyner.
Zoar—T. B. Edwards.
Springfield—L. Haywood, D. Pool.

Two new churches were enrolled, which will be mention in the proper place.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three on the Order of Business, viz.: Brethren J. M. Beckwith, P. T. Hall, Jr., and Willis McCullers, who, after retiring about ten minutes, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

" We, your committee, respectfully submit that we meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12½ o'clock, P. M.; meet again at 2½ o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at 5 o'clock, P. M. ; meet again at 8 o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at pleasure."

On motion of Rev. J. Jones, a stationery collection was made amounting to 43 cents.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by brother F. P. Baker.

SMITHFIELD, Aug. 13th, 1879, 2½ O'clock P. M.

The Association re-assembled at the hour appointed. The Moderator called the house to order. After devotional exercises, the roll of delegates was called. Proceedings read and approved

On motion of Rev. C. Johnson, Bro. J. M. Beckwith was elected assistant clerk.

On motion of Rev. J. Jones, a committee consisting of brethren T. B. Edwards, M. J. Joyner and A. Penny was appointed on Election of Officers.

The Moderator appointed a committee of five on Church Letters and Finance, viz.: J. Perry, J. A. Fuller, P. T. Hall, Jr., D. C. Mial and F. P. Baker.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by J. W. Freeman.

NIGHT SESSION.

AUGUST 13th, 1879, 8 O'clock P. M.

The Association assembled at the hour appoined. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Joshua Perry from Ephesians 6: 13, 14, 15, at the conclusion of which prayer was offered by Rev. S. F. Fulwider.

A collection was taken up for Missionary purposes amounting to $1.04.

SMITHFIELD, Aug. 14th, 1879, 9 O'clock A. M.

The Association assembled pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator called the house to order. After devotional exercises, he announced the house ready for business.

Roll of messengers was called. Proceedings of the previous session read and approved.

On motion of brother A. B. Flemming, Rev. C. Johnson was appointed Assistant Moderator.

On motion of Rev. J. Jones, the proceedings of the Ministerial Council, relative to J. H. Mabry, books and papers, were ordered to be read before the Association at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion of brother A. B. Flemming, the Association agreed to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole at the above mentioned hour, for the purpose of taking into consideration Mr. Mabry's case.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three on Religious Exercises, viz: Wm. Brown, R. Fuqua and C. H. Montague.

The Moderator appointed a committee of five on Sunday School Work: Brethren J. M. Beckwith, J. Jones, Thomas Clemon, A. Harris, A. L. Smith.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a committee of nine on Place for the next Annual Sitting of the Association for 1880, viz: Brethren S. Clemon, H. T. Cook, W. H. Watts, A. B. Flemming, W. H. Brown, W. McCullers, M. J. Joyner and A. L. Smith.

On motion of brother J. M. Beckwith, the Chair appointed a committee of three on Preamble and Resolutions: Brethren J. M. Beckwith, J. W. Freeman and Joshua Perry.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Association proceeded, in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the case of J. H. Mabry. The proceedings of the Ministerial Council relative to Mr. Mabry's books, together with a letter the Council had secured through a committee from the State of Virginia, were read. Mr. Mabry was then called on to make statement, but failing to bring forward anything more than an unsatisfactory verbal statement, the course pursued with him by the Council was unanimously endorsed by the Association.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wm. A. Green.

AUGUST 14th, 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Moderator called the house to order.

On motion of Rev. J. Jones, the rule for calling the roll was suspended.

Proceedings of the forenoon session read and approved.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three on grievances in behalf of the Wakefield church, viz: Brethren T. Burns, D. Tucker and J. Jones.

The messengers from Hall's Chapel and Oak City churches, which were under Mr. J. H. Mabry's charge, were called on to give their views with regard to the course the Ministerial Council and Association had taken with Mr. J. H. Mabry.

They stated that they did not believe a word of the reports against him. They were then dismissed; and, on motion, the right hand of fellowship was withdrawn from the churches above named.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three, viz., Rev. A. Shepard, C. R. Smith and John Jefferson, to consider the legitimacy of the reception of new churches into this Union which were petitioning by messengers and letters.

The Treasurer came forward and made his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM AUG. 14, 1878, TO AUG. 13, 1879.

1878	14	DR.		
Aug.	14	Money in Treasury,	$ 26	30
"	16	Received from the Association,	117	91
Oct.	27	" " 1st Church,	6	70
			$150	91
		CR.		
		Amount paid out from Aug. 16th, 1878, to Aug 13, 1879:		
Aug.	16	G. H. Harris,	1	39
"	"	John Yarborough, traveling expenses,	1	10
"	"	John W. Freeman,	4	50
"	"	A. B. Flemming,	1	30
"	"	C. Johnson,		75
"	"	Rev. J. Perry,	54	47
Sept.	20	Printing and Postage,	31	05
"	"	Johnson and Freeman	6	00
"	"	J. W. Freeman for postage,	1	25
Oct.	23	Association into Convention delegate's expenses,	32	50
1879				
Mar.	21	Rev. J. W. Freeman, assistant missionary to J. Perry,	16	50
			$150	66
Aug.	13	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	$ 00	25

JOHN YARBOROUGH, Treasurer.

Having examined the Association accounts from August 14th, 1878, to August 13th, 1879, I hereby certify that they are properly vouched and correctly cashed, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of 25 cents. C. JOHNSON, Auditor.

The following resolution was read by Rev. T. B. Edwards and adopted:

Resolved, That the messengers of this Association be requested to do all they can for the "African Expositor," when they return to their homes, to circulate it among their people.

This being 5 o'clock, adjourned with prayer by brother L. V. Booth.

SMITHFIELD, August 15th, 1879, 9 O'clock A. M

The Association met at the hour appointed with the Moderator in the chair, He called the house to order. Prayer by Rev. J. Jefferson.

On motion of Rev. John Jones, the rule for calling the roll was suspended.

Proceedings of the previous session were read and approved.

Twenty minutes were allowed Rev. A. Shepard to address the Association on the Sunday School work in this State, in which he was a Sunday School missionary. He made a thrilling address, and awakened quite an interest in the work, which will doubtless result in redoubling the energies our people in this branch of christian labor. The address was received with marked approbation.

We were blessed with ministers sufficient to accommodate the congregations with preaching night and day during the sitting of the Association.

Rev. Joshua Perry offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted by the Association:

WHEREAS, The Publication Society is doing so much good among us, apparent from the appointment of additional missionaries, whose business it is to distribute Bibles, Testaments and religious tracts, and aid in building up our Sunday Schools; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers and messengers of this Association, do set a part the 2nd Sunday in December, 1879, for prayer and collection for the Publication Society.

A letter from the sisters of the Missionary Society of Rolesville, Wake county, N. C., was sent up bearing $1.50, which was read, and, on motion, ordered to be printed in the minutes.

NOTE.—I am sorry to say that I had so many papers in hand the letter from the Rolesville Missionary Society got misplaced by some means. I cannot account how. CLERK.

Another letter was sent from the sisters of the Missionary Aid Society with 75 cents, was read, and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL, Forestville, N. C.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the sisters of the Missionary Aid Society, organized Sept. 15th, 1878, greet you by sending you 75 cents, and we trust that the blessed Providence may so smile upon us, or our society, that we shall be able to do a greater work than we have done heretofore. No of members 19.

PEDIE ROGERS, President.
LAURA A, DUNN, Treasurer.
CAROLINA JEFFRYS, Collector.
MERLILDA DUNN, Clerk.

The money inclosed from Friendship was for Foreign Missions.

On motion, a vote of thanks was returned to the sisters of the above mentioned Society.

The Committee on Place for the next annual sitting of the Association made their report, and it was adopted:

We, your Committee on Place for the sitting of the Association, recommend that the next session be held with the Olive Branch church, Wake Forest, Wake county, N. C., on Wednesday before the 3rd Lord's day in August, 1880.

SAMUEL CLEMON,
A. L. SMITH,
W. H. WATTS,
A. B. FLEMMING,
WM. DEADMAN,
M. J. JOYNER,
JOAN DUNN,
WILLIS MCCULLERS,
Committee.

Committee on Permanent Officers for the ensuing year made the following report, and it was adopted:

We, your committee on officers for the ensuing year, beg leave to recommend for Moderator, Rev. Joshua Perry ; for Clerk, Rev. J. W. Freeman; for Treasurer, Bro. John Yarborough, and for Auditor, P. T. Hall, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. EDWARDS,
M. J. JOYNER,
A. PENNY,
Committee.

On motion of brother S. Clemon, a vote of thanks was returned to the brethren and sisters and vicinity of Smithfield for their most kind treatment that themessengers and others had received during the sitting of the Association.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to furnish each church blanks on which to make out their reports on for the next session.

On motion, the Association allowed $1.50 for printing the blanks, &c.

On motion of Rev. P. T. Hall, jr., the Clerk was ordered to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed for distribution.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, which was adopted:

We, your committee, respectfully submit that we believe the Sabbath School to be one of the best institutions in existence for training the young children and preparing them for future life. 2. Therefore we consider it the imperative duty of every pastor and deacon to see that a Sabbath School is organized in every church in this Association and provided with suitable books, and that the study of the Bible be made paramount, and that a healthy christian sentiment be maintained among the scholars for the future. 3. That the schools connected with this Association aid and endorse the efforts of the Baptist State Convention in promoting the good work. 4. That the superintendents and teachers of this Association and of the State apply to Rev. C. Johnson and Rev. A. Shepard to get suitable books and papers to carry out the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BECKWITH,
JOHN JONES,
THOS CLEMON,
A. HARRIS,
A. L. SMITH,
Committee.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three on Grievances, in behalf of the Wakefield church, viz: T. Burns, D. Tucker and J. Jones.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three on the examination of churches asking admission into this Association, viz: Brethren C. R. Smith, A. Shepard and Jefferson.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. T. Hall, Jr.

AUGUST 15TH, 1879, 2½ O'clock P. M.

The Association assembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. Joshua Perry, Missionary, and his assistant made the following report, and it was adopted :

Missionary travels and work during four months, from February 24th, 1879, to August 10th, 1879 : Miles traveled, 1,000 ; sermons preached, 58;

prayer meetings attended, 14; visits to the sick, 10; Sunday schools visited and lectured, 9; churches organized, 2; churches visited, 35.

Money collected from the field: Riley Hill church, $1.00; Friendship, $2.01; New Liberty Chapel, $1.18; 2nd Baptist Church, Raleigh, $00.92; Springfield, $1.01; Selma, $00.54; Smithfield, $00.94; New Bethel, $00.75; Martin Street, $00·59; Juniper Level, $1.00; New Providence, $00.50; Holly Spring, $00 45; Green Hill, $1.61; Mt. Pleasant, $1.35; Baptist Grove, $1.70; Bethlehem, $00.50. Total, $35.00.

Yours with prayerful consideration,

JOSHUA PERRY, Missionary.
J. W. FREEMAN, Assistant.

NOTE. Expenses were $17.00.

Committee on Preamble and Resolutions made their report, and it was adopted:

We, your Committee on Preamble and Resolutions, report—1st. That we have taken the subject of Ministerial Education under consideration. and that the people are becoming more deeply interested in this important work. 2d. And whereas, education is the only power by which a race of people can attain to a high order of civilization and citizenship; 3rd. And whereas, as this is a progressive age, a high standard of ministerial education is necessary; 4th. And whereas, the cause of the Master is suffering for the want of a more thoroughly educated ministry,

Resolved, That no minister applying for ordination who cannot read and write *well*, in connection with the other qualifications for a minister to have, shall not receive ordination.

Resolved further, That any ministers connected with this Association ordaining a candidate without this preamble and resolutions, shall be considered disorderly ministers of the gospel, and and not proper subjects for the Master's calling.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BECKWITH,
JOSHUA PERRY,
J. W. FREEMAN,
} Com.

Committee on Grievances made their report, and it was adopted:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the basis on which L Pearce was ordained, and in our judgment the Wakefield church is not to be blamed. Therefore, we recommend its reception.

T. BURNS,
D. TUCKER,
J. JONES,
} Com.

Committee on New Churches made their report, and it was adopted:

We, your Committee, recommend the reception of Chester Grove and Earpsboro churches.

A. SHEPARD,
C. R. SMITH.
JOHN JEFFERSON,
} Com.

The Modertor extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates, and they were received into this Association.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. Jones, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Association elect the missionary and fix his salary; 2d. that the Missionary Board shall have power to fix the time and desig-

nate the course for him to travel and pay him off; 3rd. that said Board have power to call in the missionary when, in their judgment, he is unfaithful, or there be no money to pay him with; that said missionary make his report monthly to the Board, and said Board to the Association at its annual session.

On motion of brother Samuel Clemon, Rev. J. W. Freeman was elected Missionary for the Wake Baptist Association for four months.

On motion of J. Jones, (amended by Bro. T. Burns,) the Association allowed the missionary $25.00 per month.

On motion, the Association voted to be represented in the Baptist State Convention, which is to be held in Newbern, N. C., Oct., 1879.

Bro. T. Burns offered the following nominations for delegates to represent the Association in the Convention: Revs. Joshua Perry, P. T. Hall, jr., T. B. Edwards, C. Johnson and G. W. Harris.

Committee on Finance and Church Letters reported:

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that we have enrolled thirty-five churches and received one hundred and thirty-eight dollars ($138.00).

J. PERRY,
J. A. FULLER,
P. T. HALL, JR,
Q. C. MIAL,
F. P. BAKER,
Committee.

On motion of J. Jones, the Treasurer was ordered to pay the Association into the Convention, and half of the delegates expenses to the Convention.

A petition was read from the Oakey Grove church, asking the Association for aid; and,

On motion of brother Samuel Clemon, a collection was taken in her behalf amounting to $1.46, and delivered to the deacon, Bro. L. V. Booth.

On motion of brother Samuel Clemon, the Clerk was allowed the same pay this year for services as he had been before.

This concluding the business, the Association adjourned with prayer offered by Bro. M. J. Joyner.

G. W. HARRIS, MODERATOR.

J. W. FREEMAN, *Clerk.*

N. B. The next meeting of the Ministerial Council will be held with the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., on Friday before the first Sunday in January, 1880. All the members are requested to be present.

G. W. HARRIS, MODERATOR.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be denominated and known as the WAKE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testamant.

3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body, shall be considered members of this Association *ex-officio*.

4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all contributed funds for benevolent purposes during the year.

5. The officers of this Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of this body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after others have spoken, or when called upon give the casting vote in case of a tie

7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall make to the Association an annual report of the treasury.

9. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of this Association through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

10. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

11. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

12. The annual session of this body shall commence on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in August, at such place as the Association may select.

13. The ministers composing the Association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year, in such places as the brethren may designate.

14. We will receive no minister into this Association but those who have good and moral characters.

15. We will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from every minister who walks disorderly and contrary to the gospel rule.

16. The churches connected with this Association may continue their membership by paying three cents annually upon the head of each member to be represented in the Association.

17. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached during each annual session an introductory sermon.

18. The Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the assembling of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.
3. At each daily session the names of delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Association.
7. All motions which are seconded shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion, no motion or proposition sh be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or t poned indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference i der in which they are stated.
10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in t may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution cided by a majority of the votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to determine what be admitted to its consideration.
13. No member shall absent himself during the session o tion without the permission of the Moderator.
14. These rules of order may be amended or altered at a majority of the Association.

WAKE BAPTIST MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS.

First meeting held at Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, January 31st, 1879. Present: Revs. John Jefferson, C. Johnson, D. Tucker, T. B. Edwards, P. T. Hall, Jr., R. Shepard, G. W. Harris, John W. Freeman, A. Shepard, S. F. Fullwider, Joshua Perry, and Bro. Virgil Anderson (visitor).

After religious exercises, the Moderator, Rev. G. W. Harris, announced the object of the meeting. Rev. J. W. Freeman was elected Clerk.

The case of J. H. Mabry was taken up, and the charges stated. He was present, but failed to give any satisfactory answer to them.

A committee was appointed to thoroughly investigate the case and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Second meeting was held at the same place May 1st, 1879.

After religious exercises, the Committee on Charges against J. H. Mabry reported, sustaining the charges, and saying that he was not ordained as he alleged by a presbytery at Macedonia church, Greenville county, Va., but by a private council of his own in North Carolina. Witnesses were examined, and a thorough hearing of the case had. J. H. Mabry was present and made his own statement.

After which the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, There have been various charges alleged against the said J. H. Mabry by the Hassadiah Baptist Association, Va.; whereas, these charges are sustained by the best authority to be true, proving him to be guilty of lying and forging his ordination; whereas, the said J. H. Mabry, by a false pretense, obtained a sum of money, not less than fourteen dollars, from Rev. Dr. Stafford of the Shaw University; also forged his letter of membership and joined Hall's Chapel church, Oberlin village, pretending that he received it from his church; therefore be it

Resolved by the ministers of the Wake Baptist Association, That we do publicly denounce him an unworthy minister of the Gospel.

Rev. Joshua Perry introduced the following topic, which was discussed with much interest: "What course should be pursued with Pedo-baptist applicants to the churches for admittance who have been already immersed? Shall the same rite again be administered by us?"

All the brethren present participated in debating the question; and the prevailing sentiment was to administer the rite again.

It was referred to the next meeting of the Council to decide and publish it to the churches.

Brethren present were enrolled as follows: "Revs. G. W. Perry, J. Jefferson, A. Shepard, C Johnson, J. Perry, P. T. Hall, Jr., S. F. Fullwider, R. Shepard, P. T. Young, D. Tucker, T. B. Edwards, and brethren Virgil Anderson, A. B. Flemming and Nathan Collen.

G. W. HARRIS, MODERATOR.

J. W. FREEMAN, Clerk.